

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Stanton, Pridemore, and Morris, Chair, present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

BID AWARD 2381

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2381 – Annual Preformed Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Material. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid 2381 be awarded to the lowest bidder. There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stanton to award Bid 2381 to Alpine Products, Inc. of Auburn, Washington, in the total bid amount of \$41,534.40, including Washington State sales tax and to grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid-related contracts. Commissioners Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 151)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker #1

Richard Boneski, 9808 NE 148th Street, Brush Prairie, had comments regarding 10 acres of land he owns that was included in the new rezone.

Commissioner Morris pointed out that public comment regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update had been closed. She suggested that there were several members of the audience present whom could talk with Mr. Boneski.

Speaker #2

Ron Lasser, 13201 NW 33rd Avenue, commented on the issue of permits (follow-up to previous testimony). He stated that he checked the record and found that 10% of the permitting budget is taken out of the General Fund. He said he had looked at the building permits issued in 2001 and the county had collected \$2.3 million during that time; in 2003, \$4.2 million was collected -- \$1.9 million more. Less building permits were actually processed last year than in 2001. He asked how the money was spent when less permits were processed.

Stanton explained that they went through a public process and that the level of service was raised. Fees were raised to cover costs, such as for additional inspectors in a number of areas.

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Pridemore said the broader issue about whether or not housing pays for it wasn't a discussion about whether it pays for the building permit process or even the planning process, although it is officially subsidized at 10% by the general public. He said the broader question was whether it pays for the new schools, new roads – the types of things that are required. He said that's what the debate has been about for a number of years and one that still rages.

Lasser said he had done some studies on the last house he built and he had sent \$35,000 worth of sales and excise taxes to the State of Washington. He asked how much of those funds come back to Clark County out of the general account and are spent in the county.

Pridemore said he has seen a lot of different studies that treat sales tax in different manners and that he would like to see a completely independent study.

There was further discussion.

Lasser noted that Commissioner Pridemore had attended a fundraiser that was held at a very expensive home in Portland – an area of homes on 2-acre sites that more than pay their own way. He asked why they don't have more places in Clark County for that type of housing.

Pridemore said Mr. Lasser was correct that those houses were no doubt paying a great deal more in taxes than they would incur in expenses. He said, however, if he had agreed with that he would have taken a different position in regards to the Comprehensive Plan. He said he has struggled with this for the past four years and he has concluded that more costs are incurred on the public side and that they do need to achieve more balance. He added that he would be happy to continue the debate because it's extremely important.

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Pridemore to approve items 1 through 13. Commissioners Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 151)

PUBLIC HEARING: OVERTIME PARKING

Hearing Cancelled until further notice.

PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD VACATION, NE 81ST AVENUE

Held a public hearing to consider the County Engineer's Report on the advisability of vacating a portion of constructed right-of-way known as NE 81st Avenue being 60-feet in width and approximately 244-feet in length.

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Christy Osborn, JD White Company, presented on behalf of Clark County's Public Works Department. Ms. Osborn stated that it was the Clark County Engineer's recommendation that the petitioned area be vacated once all conditions contained in the Engineer's Report and Preliminary Order are met. She noted that the conditions had been revised as follows: 1) that Clark County retain an easement for utilities; 2) that Clark County require the improvement of the relocated cul de sac at the northern terminus of Northeast 81st Avenue; and 3) that the petitioner pay for the land to be vacated in the amount of \$14,108.

Stanton asked Ms. Osborn to point out where the changes were.

Osborn said the only changes to both the Engineer's Report (page 11) and Preliminary Order to Vacate (page 1) was for the land value to be included as a condition of approval.

Pridemore referenced the map and said it looked like there was an actual road there and asked if there were concerns about cross-circulation.

Stanton agreed, but said that it was stated in the Order of Vacation that it was for construction of the Glenwood Hills Senior Living Facility – it looked like the whole property there was going to be used so the road wouldn't be going through.

Osborn explained that the issue of cross-circulation had been previously discussed with the first phase of the Glenwood Hills Senior Living Facility. This vacation is in conjunction with the second phase of that development and those issues have been previously reviewed.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Pridemore to approve the County Engineer's Report and Preliminary Order to Vacate a portion of constructed right-of-way known as NE 81st Avenue – Reference number RV 04-163. Commissioners Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 151)

PUBLIC HEARING: SECTION 30

Held a public hearing to consider development agreements with Section 30 property owners. This hearing was continued from August 31, 2004.

[MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY RIDER & ASSOCIATES – TAPES 152 & 153]

PUBLIC HEARING: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

This hearing was continued from August 24, 2004. No public comment was taken.

[MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY RIDER & ASSOCIATES – TAPES 152 & 153]

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2 p.m. Bid Openings

Present at the Bid Opening: Louise Richards, Clerk to the Board; Mike Westerman and Allyson Anderson, General Services

BID OPENING 2382

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2382 – Heavy Duty Utility Vehicle. Mike Westerman, General Services, opened and read bids and stated that it was their intention to award Bid 2382 on September 14, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' hearing room of the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor. (See Tape 151)

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Deputy Clerk of the Board

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